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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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John called to say that, while his information was sketchy since it had been transmitted in a hurry, it was his understanding that the Secretary did not want to make a blanket decision, but wished to consider each instance on a case by case basis. He felt that it sometimes might not be a good idea, but that there was no general prohibition.

In the case of Argentina, now up (the trucks, I think), he thinks that we ought not to do it for reasons which are not clear to me, but seem to hinge on the fact that Argentina has been the focus of much attention. I did point out to John that the reason Argentina had been the focus was because it is the most gross offender within the range of countries to which the IFI legislation applies.

*Patricia M. Derian*  
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Human Rights and  
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cc: HA - Messrs. Schneider, Salmon,  
Flood and Cohen  
Ms. Bowie, Ms. Bova

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